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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of:

Lingyan Liu et al.

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SPINAL IMPLANT AND CUTTING  
TOOL PREPARATION ACCESSORY  
FOR MOUNTING THE IMPLANT

Group Art Unit  
3738

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Please consider this Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application prior to examination.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 3.

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